

Criminology

The Department of Criminology at the University of Melbourne was established in 1951 as the first school of criminology in Australia. The department is a leader in the field, and attracts extensive research grants and contracts. Recent projects include an Australia-wide assessment of drug law enforcement strategies; a national review of closed circuit television systems; research into ways judges respond to the challenge of sentencing; management programs on graffiti art; comparative research into crime and violence; a study into progressions from juvenile to adult custody; research into indigenous Australians and the criminal justice system; and a study of the ways sensitive locations such as airports, sea ports and petro-chemical refineries deal with the risk of terrorist attack and other disasters.

High level research provides students with access to leading academics whose work forms the basis of many of the subjects. Students are thus provided with the most contemporary and original materials that will equip them with the means of dealing with the challenging issues of crime and justice. At honours level the optional fieldwork component provides students with hands-on experience, exposing them to the operations of various government and community-based agencies in dealing with issues involving crime and policy development.

Criminology is the study of processes of criminalisation and social control developed by the state. Criminology is an inherently multidisciplinary area of study, involving contributions from disciplines such as law, the social and behavioural sciences, psychiatry, history and philosophy. Criminology offers a broad range of theoretical and policy-related analyses. The practical focus of the discipline lies in an integrated study of the components of the criminal justice system. In particular, criminology addresses topics concerning law enforcement agencies, the courts and correctional systems and includes issues relating to public policy and political decisions regarding crime and crime control.

Time commitment to study

As well as scheduled contact hours for lectures, tutorial and seminars a considerable additional time commitment is needed to complete the academic requirements of each subject.

A subject-specific time commitment to study will be provided by your lecturer or tutor at the beginning of semester to help you schedule your workload and successfully manage your time during the semester. In addition, general estimates of the total time commitment required to study a 12.5-point single semester subjects in the Faculty of Arts can be found on page 1.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for first-year subjects in criminology.

The prerequisite for second-year criminology subjects is usually the completion of 25 points of criminology at first year.

The prerequisite for entry to third-year criminology subjects is usually the completion of at least two second-year criminology subjects (25 points).

The prerequisite for a third/fourth-year criminology subject is usually three second/third-year subjects in criminology (37.5 points).

In exceptional circumstances, exemption from these prerequisites may be granted by the Head of Department. Exemptions may also be granted where criminology subjects are taken as part of an approved interdepartmental program with its own entry requirements. In such cases, applications for prerequisites to be waived must be made to the subject coordinator.

Diploma in Arts (Criminology)

The Diploma in Arts (Criminology) is only available to students who are currently enrolled in a degree course at the University of Melbourne. It consists of a three-year sequence of study, and adds one year to the duration of your degree.

Students must complete 25 points of first-year criminology subjects and 75 points of second/third-year criminology subjects. Alternatively, students who have completed appropriate background studies at first year may complete 100 points of second/third-year criminology subjects.

Requirements for a major

A major in criminology usually consists of nine 12.5-point subjects, totalling 112.5 points. It comprises:

- two first-year subjects in criminology (25 points); and
- seven second/third-year subjects in criminology (totalling 87.5 points) usually consisting of three second-year subjects and four third-year subjects.

Subjects for the major

First year subjects

Subject	Sem.
191-101 Crime and Causation (p.2)	1
191-102 Crime and Control (p.2)	2

Second/third year subjects

191-003 Crime and Public Policy (p.2)	1
191-004 Introduction to Research Methods (p.2)	1
191-005 Criminal Law and Criminology (p.3)	1
191-006 Policing (p.3)	2
191-007 Correctional Theory and Practice (p.3)	2
191-008 Sociology of Crime and Deviance (p.3)	2

Third/fourth year subjects

191-407 Sentencing: Law; Judges; Community (p.3)	N/A
191-408 A Clinical Introduction to Criminology (p.3)	1
191-409 Introduction to Forensic Disability (p.4)	2
191-410 Forensic Disability: Specialised Topics (p.4)	N/A
191-411 Disabled Offenders (p.4)	N/A
191-414 Psychology and Criminal Justice (p.4)	2
191-415 Youth Crime and Society (p.4)	2
191-417 Corporate and White Collar Crime (p.4)	1
191-419 Violence in Australia (p.4)	N/A
191-420 Qualitative Research Methods (p.4)	1
191-421 Contemporary Crime Prevention (p.5)	1
191-422 Women, Gender and Crime (p.5)	1
191-427 Crime Ethnicity and Race (p.5)	2
191-428 Crime and Culture (p.5)	1
191-434 Victims (p.5)	2
191-435 Drugs and Justice (p.5)	1
191-436 What Works in Criminal Justice (p.6)	Summer
191-438 Criminal Fictions (p.6)	2

Honours entry

Honours coordinator: Dr Julie Evans

Prerequisites

The prerequisites for entry to fourth-year honours in criminology are:

- completion of all the requirements for the BA;
- completion of a major in criminology;
- an average grade of H2A or higher over the second/third-year subjects within the major.

Students who do not meet that average may be granted admission to honours with the special approval of the Head of Department (or nominee) and the Faculty of Arts honours course adviser.

It is strongly recommended that students undertake 191-004 Introduction to Research Methods (p.2) or one other research methods subject within the major.

Application procedures

For information on how to apply see *Applying for Honours* (p.13). Acceptance into the program is dependent upon completion of an adequate proposal as judged by the Department of Criminology. Successful applicants will be notified by the department in late December.

Honours requirements

Honours students undertaking a thesis in criminology are encouraged to attend the department's research support seminar series program held in semester two.

Pure honours

Students undertaking pure honours in criminology must complete:

- 191-519 Criminology Thesis (p.6) (37.5 points); and
- 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar (p.6) (12.5 points); and
- two fourth-year subjects in criminology (25 points); and
- either 191-424 Supervised Field Study (p.6) (25 points) or a further two fourth-year subjects in criminology (25 points).

Students are strongly encouraged to undertake a fourth-year methods subject as one of their electives.

Students undertaking pure honours part time would usually take their elective subjects and 191-424 Supervised Field Study (p.6) in the first year, and 191-519 Criminology Thesis (p.6), and 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar (p.6) in the second.

Combined honours

Students undertaking combined honours in criminology and another area of study must complete:

- 191-519 Criminology Thesis (*p.6*) (37.5 points); and
- 191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar (*p.6*) (12.5 points); and
- one fourth-year subject in criminology (12.5 points); and
- three fourth-year subjects in the combined area of study (totalling 37.5 points).

or

- honours thesis in the combined area of study (37.5 points); and
- two fourth-year subjects in the combined area of study (totalling 25 points); and
- a fourth-year subject in criminology (12.5 points); and
- *either* 191-424 Supervised Field Study (*p.6*) (25 points) *or* two fourth-year subjects in criminology (25 points).

Students undertaking their thesis in criminology are strongly advised to choose a fourth-year methods subject as their elective.

Up to 25 points of 500-level criminology subjects can be made available to honours students. Applications are approved on a case-by-case basis by the honours coordinator.

500-level criminology subjects

	Sem.
191-502 Crime and Justice in South East Asia (<i>p.6</i>)	1
191-520 Compliance, Regulation & Crime (<i>p.7</i>)	2
191-531 Penal Policy and Practice (<i>p.7</i>)	N/A
191-534 Contemporary Issues in Criminology (<i>p.7</i>)	2
191-535 Current Research in Criminology (<i>p.7</i>)	N/A
191-537 Genocide, State Crime and the Law (<i>p.3</i>)	1
191-538 Law, Race and Indigenous Peoples (<i>p.7</i>)	2

Further study

The Department offers the following courses for graduates:

- Graduate Certificate in Criminology
- Graduate Certificate in Criminology (Forensic Disability)
- Graduate Diploma in Arts (Criminology)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Criminology)
- Master of Criminology
- Master of Arts (Criminology)
- Master of Criminology (Forensic Psychology)
- Doctor of Philosophy

Career opportunities

Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts who have majored in criminology have found employment in the following areas:

- research institutions dealing with the criminal justice system such as the Australian Institute of Criminology and the Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- government agencies in the areas of criminal justice and welfare such as the Departments of Justice, Departments of Health and Welfare, police organisations, the criminal courts, the correctional system and community welfare services;
- non-government and private sector organisations which provide welfare and security services; and
- teaching services at secondary and tertiary levels in fields of law, crime and criminology.

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First-year subjects

191-101 Crime and Causation

Note: Formerly available as 191-001. Students who have completed 191-001 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr M Halsey

Contact: A 2-hour lecture and a 1-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: The aim of this subject is to introduce students to the various ways of defining, measuring and explaining crime. Students will learn about legalistic and harm based approaches to defining crime; formal and informal ways of measuring criminal behaviour; and biological, psychological and social accounts of crime within particular contexts (in the home, on the streets, in corporations). Theories of crime will be taught using relevant "real world" examples ranging from motor vehicle theft to terrorism.

Assessment: An oral presentation 10% (due during the semester), a 2000 word essay 40% (due during the semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (held at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester.

191-102 Crime and Control

Note: Formerly available as 191-002. Students who have completed 191-002 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: To be advised

Contact: Two 1-hour lectures and a 1-hour tutorial per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: The aim of this subject is to provide a broad survey and introduction to the major institutions of the criminal justice system, and examines the roles, objectives and methods of criminal justice institutions such as the police, the courts, prisons, corrections, community crime prevention and victim services. Students completing the subject should have developed an understanding of the key players and operation of state agencies in responding to (and creating) offensive behaviour, and have developed a capacity to describe and analyse the strengths and weaknesses of existing forms and methods of crime control in Australia.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due during the semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (held at the end of semester).

Second/third-year subjects

191-003 Crime and Public Policy

Note: Formerly available as 191-202/302. Students who have completed 191-202 or 191-302 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof A Sutton

Prerequisites: Normally 25 points of first year criminology and/or 25 points of sociology.

Contact: Two 1-hour lectures, a 1-hour tutorial for 10 weeks of the semester and a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 1*).

Description: Many criminology graduates find themselves researching, developing and applying crime policy in government, political and other contexts. This course helps prepare students for such work. As well as providing an overview of factors shaping policy in Australia and other countries, it reviews challenges associated with making criminological theory relevant in practical contexts. Emphasis is on exploring contemporary reform issues such as control of the sex industry, drug law reform, initiatives for victims of crime, public drunkenness and other 'victimless' offences, white-collar crime and crime prevention. The course also draws on sociological theory to help understand obstacles to reform. Specific theorists used include Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Habermas and feminist schools.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due during the semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (held at the end of semester). To obtain a final result students must attend at least 7 out of 10 tutorials.

191-004 Introduction to Research Methods

Note: Formerly available as 191-203/303. Students who have completed 191-203 or 191-303 are not eligible to enrol in this subject. This is a methods subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr J Evans

Prerequisites: Usually 25 points of first year criminology.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar/lab per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject aims to provide second/third year students with a critical appreciation of different ways of approaching and interpreting research in criminology. The subject also introduces students to associated ethical issues, including in relation to research with indigenous communities,

and some specialist approaches to legal and historical research in criminology. It provides students with an overview of qualitative and quantitative research methods to help students critically assess research in criminology and/or choose an appropriate research methodology.

Assessment: Two written tasks totalling 2000 words (50%) due during semester and an essay of 2000 words (50%) due at the end of semester.

191-005 Criminal Law and Criminology

Note: Formerly available as 191-204/304. Students who have completed 191-204 or 191-304 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Prof A Young

Prerequisites: Usually 25 points of first year criminology.

Contact: Two 1-hour lectures, a 1-hour tutorial for 10 weeks of the semester and a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 1*).

Description: Criminal law has a central importance in criminology, since it is the criminal law which determines the legality or illegality of behaviours. This subject studies criminal law as it governs court processes and selected offences within Victoria. The first section of the course covers the institutions and practices of criminal law, with particular emphasis on courts and criminal responsibility. The second section focuses on substantive offences in criminal law: sexual assault and sexual offences; non-fatal violent offences; the law relating to homicide; and criminal defences. Issues of gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation are raised. Students completing the subject should be able to understand the structure of criminal law, appreciate the forms and meanings of legal discourse, identify ways in which criminal law responds to social problems, and conduct research on criminal legal matters.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due mid-semester) and a take-home examination of 2000 words of written answers 50% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: P Rush, *Criminal Law*, Butterworths 1997.

191-006 Policing

Note: Formerly available as 191-206/306. Students who have completed 191-206 or 191-306 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr S James

Prerequisites: Usually 25 points of first year criminology.

Contact: Two 1-hour lectures, a 1-hour tutorial for ten weeks of the semester and a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject introduces students to the historical, political and social forces which shape police organisations, policies and practices. The subject covers the origins, functions and structures of contemporary policing, and identifies key emerging issues and challenges in policing such as the effectiveness of policing in crime control, the emergence of community policing, police culture, police misbehaviour and accountability, organisational change and organisational renewal. The emphasis is upon public (state) policing, although attention is paid to the growing private policing sector and to late 20th century developments in multi-agency policing. Upon completion of the subject, students should be able to analyse critically current developments in policing in terms of their historical, theoretical, political and functional contexts.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due during semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (due at the end of semester).

191-007 Correctional Theory and Practice

Note: Formerly available as 191-208/308. Students who have completed 191-208 or 191-308 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr M Brown

Prerequisites: Usually 25 points of first year criminology.

Contact: Two 1-hour lectures, a 1-hour tutorial for 10 weeks of the semester and a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject is designed to introduce students to the major forms and structures of punishment in our society. The subject examines why we punish individuals, how we do so, and how the punishment process can be viewed in a wider social context. The first part of this subject considers the justifications for punishment and then specifically at prisons and the rapidly expanding area of community-based corrections. We then look at some 'hidden' groups in the punishment process - victims, minorities and women - before moving on to examine the work of major writers who have provided a theoretical critique of punishment and the role it plays in our society. By the end of the subject students should have a good understanding of the correc-

tional system and be familiar with the work of important theorists like Foucault, Cohen and Hannah-Moffat.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due during the semester), a 1-hour class test of 1000 words 25% (due mid-semester) and a 1000 word take-home test 25% (due on the first day of the examination period).

191-008 Sociology of Crime and Deviance

Note: Formerly available as 191-210/310. Students who have completed 191-210 or 191-310 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Fiona Haines

Prerequisites: Usually 25 points of first year criminology and/or 25 points of sociology.

Contact: Two 1-hour lectures, a 1-hour tutorial for 10 weeks of the semester and a 1-hour lecture for the first and last week of semester (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject explores the potential of classical and contemporary sociological theory to explain crime and deviance. Theories ranging from Marxism and structural functionalism to symbolic interactionism, Bourdieu's ideas of field and habitus and Weberian concepts of social stratification and rationalisation are explained and then used to help understand both contemporary and historical social problems. Topics such as suicide, sexual assault and sport, the witchcraze of the 17th and 18th Centuries, terrorism, religious cults and racism are covered to show how sociological theory can be used both to explain how society defines deviance, as well as why people commit crime and cause harm. Students completing the subject will have a grounding in a range of sociological theories that will enable them to understand and critically assess problems of crime and deviance.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due mid-semester) and a 2-hour examination 50% (due at the end of semester).

Third/fourth-year subjects

191-407 Sentencing: Law; Judges; Community

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year level criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject is about the punishment of offenders. It examines how judges decide what sentences should be imposed on offenders. This is partly determined by sentencing law and partly by the judges' own sense of justice; public opinion also plays a role. This course discusses what sentences ought to be imposed in the interests of justice. What is considered right will depend on what it is hoped to be achieved by imposing the sanctions, such as deterrence as against rehabilitation; also relevant is what makes a case more or less serious. There are also the perennial sentencing problems - inadequate law, disparity between judges, and a community poorly informed about sentencing. And certain groups are said to pose special problems: indigenous offenders, drug offenders, female offenders, for example. Finally this subject examines research in sentencing particularly in relation to public opinion, deterrence and rehabilitation. As a result of this course, students should understand the main elements of the sentencing process, be able to identify problematic aspects of sentencing, and have a foundation for proposing solutions for these problems.

191-408 A Clinical Introduction to Criminology

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr L Eccleston

Prerequisites: Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Criminology (Forensic Disability) or permission of the subject coordinator.

Contact: A 2-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject aims to provide a clinically-oriented introduction to criminology which is specifically targeted towards the needs of health professionals, including psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, nurses, and medical practitioners. The subject provides an introduction to criminological theories of criminal behaviour, as well as the practices of law and major institutions of criminal justice which operate in Australia. In contrast to other introductory criminology subjects, this unit will focus upon the role of the health professional within the criminal justice system, the major institutions of criminal justice, as well as an overview of legal theories and concepts and an introduction to the practices of law that exist in Australia. The subject also aims to provide students with a general understanding of individuals who engage in criminal behaviour, the situations and contexts

within which crime occurs and explanations for the causes and consequences of criminal behaviour.

Assessment: A 1000-word oral assessment 25% (to be completed during the semester) and a 3000-word written assignment 75% (due at the end of the semester).

191-409 Introduction to Forensic Disability

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr L Eccleston

Prerequisites: 191-408 A Clinical Introduction to Criminology (p.3)

Contact: A 2-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: The aim of this subject is to provide an introduction to the area of Forensic Disability. Specific topics covered will include (i) the proposed link between disability and criminal behaviour, (ii) an overview of patterns and rates of offending by individuals with a disability, (iii) an introduction to relevant legislation, (iv) information regarding sentencing pathways and available services (v) capacity and consent issues, and (vi) ethical and philosophical concerns of relevance to the forensic disability client population.

Assessment: A 1000-word oral assessment 25% (to be completed during the semester) and a 3000-word written assignment 75% (due at the end of the semester).

191-410 Forensic Disability: Specialised Topics

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: 191-408 A Clinical Introduction to Criminology (p.3)

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject will consider specialised topics within the forensic disability field including young and aged offenders, female offenders, and the link between disability and victimisation. These topics will make specific reference to the involvement of these groups in the criminal justice system and explanations for this; the types of crimes relevant to these groups; and principles of assessment, management and rehabilitation. In addition, this subject will consider important professional issues which are relevant to workers within forensic disability service systems, including service models; intra- and inter-agency consultation; working effectively in multi-disciplinary teams; and staff supervision and support.

191-411 Disabled Offenders

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: 191-408 A Clinical Introduction to Criminology (p.3)

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject examines the theoretical and practical mechanisms underlying the assessment and treatment of disabled offender populations. As such it will provide students with an understanding of, and experience in, the major skills and techniques used in the assessment of forensic disability clients. In addition students will be provided with clinically-oriented training in methods of management and rehabilitation, including the theoretical rationale underpinning these as well as techniques and outcomes of their practical application. Specific attention will be given to notable offender groups within the forensic disability field including sexual offenders, non-sexual violent offenders, arson and property offenders, and disabled offenders with substance abuse issues.

191-414 Psychology and Criminal Justice

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr M Brown

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject aims to provide criminology students with an introduction to psychology as it has been applied to crime and criminal justice. The first part of this subject examines psychological perspectives on the offender. These range from examinations of how offenders' individual characteristics, such as intelligence, are associated with criminal behaviour through to integrated psychological theories of offending. The second part of the subject turns attention to psychology's relationship with justice and law, including examinations of police interrogation, recovered memories of child sexual abuse and multiple personality disorder. By the end of the subject students should be familiar with the psychological perspective on human behaviour and be able to critically evaluate the contribution of psychological theory to understanding criminological and legal phenomena.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words (3000 words for fourth year students) 50% (due during semester), a 1-hour class test of 1000 words 25% (due mid-semester) and a 1000 word take-home exam 25% (due on the first day of the examination period).

191-415 Youth Crime and Society

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: To be advised

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology or sociology.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject provides an examination of theories relating to juvenile offending, and an analysis of juvenile justice policies, practices and reforms. It explores the dynamics of youth offending, and the varying responses of different parts of the welfare and criminal justice systems to the behaviour of young people. The subject considers issues relating to social division (eg. class, gender, ethnicity and race) and how these are reflected in the operation and strategies of the juvenile justice system. Upon completion of the subject, students should have detailed knowledge of the institutions of juvenile justice, and the major issues associated with the phenomenon of young offending.

Assessment: An essay of 1500 words 30% (due during semester) and an essay of 2500 words 70% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year students will be required to complete an essay of 3500 words for their final assessment 70% (due at the end of semester).

191-417 Corporate and White Collar Crime

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: A Prof F Haines & A Prof A Sutton

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology or sociology.

Contact: A 2.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject analyses the crimes and harms of the powerful. It explores the types of harm: financial, physical and environmental that are perpetrated both by corporations and individual white-collar offenders. Various case studies of corporate and white-collar crime such as complex financial fraud, industrial disasters, professional misconduct and product safety are used to demonstrate the challenges associated with deciding whether harmful business behaviour should be defined as white-collar crime and the difficulties inherent in using criminal law to curb such activities. Students will explore a range of criminological theories that can help explain the crimes of the powerful as well as the techniques employed by the state in regulating white-collar and corporate misconduct.

Assessment: An essay of 3000 words (4000 words for fourth year students) 75% (due mid-semester) and a take-home exam of 1000 words 25% (due at the end of semester).

191-419 Violence in Australia

Note: Strict enrolment deadlines apply to subjects taught during the Summer Semester. Any enrolment in, or withdrawal from, this subject must be made in line with HECS/course fee census dates.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject examines the laws relating to violent offences and data on the nature and distribution of violence in Australia. It covers such specific forms of violence as homicide, assault, robbery, rape, and the general topic of domestic violence, including theoretical perspectives. Students will be introduced to the assessment of theoretical explanations proposed for the study of violence.

191-420 Qualitative Research Methods

Note: This is a methods subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr M Halsey

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour workshop per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject forms an advanced overview of theories, methods and ethical issues in qualitative research. The subject will focus on the techniques of field studies, intensive interviewing, and case studies. Students will carry out small scale qualitative research exercises and will present them orally and in writing.

Assessment: A 1200 word essay for third year, 1500 words for fourth year and postgraduates, 30% (due during the semester) and a 2800 word essay for third year, 3500 for fourth year and postgraduates, 70% (due at the end of semester).

191-421 Contemporary Crime Prevention

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof A Sutton

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: Crime prevention is a growth area in applied criminology, and many graduates find themselves working in this field. This subject provides a basic understanding of relevant theory and practice. Current national and international developments are summarized and analyzed, and approaches to crime prevention are critically assessed. Specific topics include social prevention, environmental prevention, crime prevention through environmental design and the police and the business sectors' roles in crime prevention. Evaluation of prevention programs and strategies also is discussed. In line with the subject's policy emphasis, part of the assessment involves summarizing and assessing a major Australian crime prevention initiative.

Assessment: An essay of 2000 words 50% (due during semester) and a second essay of 2000 words 50% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year students will undertake essays of 2500 words both 50%.

Prescribed texts: P O'Malley & A Sutton, *Crime Prevention in Australia: Issues in Policy and Research*, The Federation Press 1997.

191-422 Women, Gender and Crime

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr D Tyson

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology, gender studies or sociology.

Contact: A 1.5-hour lecture and a 1-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject is an analysis of the criminalisation and victimisation of women through the study of contemporary debates in feminist criminology. The subject begins by considering feminist interventions in criminology, and the contributions made by studies in masculinity and violence, and critical race feminism. These issues will be examined by way of a series of case studies. Topics will include young women as offenders; women and imprisonment; sexual and domestic violence and the criminal justice system; when women are violent; and international feminist perspectives on violence against women. Students completing the subject should have developed a knowledge of the nature and extent of female crime and victimisation; have an awareness of contemporary debates in feminist criminology; and have a capacity to think and write critically about the centrality of gender for an understanding of crime, criminal justice policies and programs.

Assessment: An essay of 4000 words 100% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year students will complete an essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).

191-427 Crime Ethnicity and Race

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Ms S James

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject will be run as an Indigenous-focused course. It offers an examination of the relationship between Indigenous communities, western law and the practices and institutions of the criminal justice system. It explores differential theoretical perspectives on the processes of Indigenous criminalisation and victimisation, and examines specific issues such as racism, different policing, access to justice and Indigenous-led solutions to law reform and criminal justice empowerment.

Assessment: An essay of 2500 words 75% (due during semester). A take-home exam of 1500 words 25% (due at the end of semester). Fourth year students will complete a final take-home exam of 2500 words 25%.

191-428 Crime and Culture

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Prof A Young

Prerequisites: Normally 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year and admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology for fourth year. However, the subject is available to cultural studies, social theory or gender studies students who have not completed 37.5 points of criminology subjects.

Contact: A 1.5-hour lecture and a 1-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: Cinema and television have become immensely popular and influential cultural forms. This subject investigates the relationship between crime and culture by focusing on representations of crime and justice in film and television. The subject considers these representations in the context of recent debates about the cultural construction of crime in criminology, socio-legal studies, cultural studies and film theory. It will develop the skills necessary for analyzing images of crime and justice in film and television and will also examine a number of case studies (including television crime drama; trial movies; the cultural fascination with the serial killer; youth culture, hip hop and graffiti; and the cinematic depiction of violence and gender).

Assessment: A written essay of 4000 words on a topic set by the coordinator or on the student's selected topic in consultation with the coordinator 100% (due at the end of semester). For students at 4th year and above the essay will be of 5000 words.

191-434 Victims

Note: Strict enrolment deadlines apply to subjects taught during the Winter Recess. Any enrolment in, or withdrawal from, this subject must be made in line with HECS/course fee census dates.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: A Prof A Sutton and A Prof F Haines

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology or sociology.

Contact: This subject will be taught as an intensive program 11, 12, 13, 17, and 18 July (*Semester 2*).

Description: This course describes and assesses ways governments and societies respond to victims of crime and other adversities. A broadly sociological framework is used to analyze the history of victim movements and the discipline of victimology. Definitions of victimization are reviewed, and the course debates whether victimology should focus purely on victims of crime or should also include victims of abuse of power. Research on patterns of crime victimization and on victims' needs is summarized and explored. Case-studies of crime victimization and of abuses of power are used both to highlight the plight of victims and to explore support strategies.

Assessment: A essay of 3000 words 80% (due mid-semester) and a 2-hour in class test of 1000 words 20%. Fourth year students will complete an essay of 4000 words 80% (due mid-semester) and an in class test of 1000 words 20%.

191-435 Drugs and Justice

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr S James

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject introduces students to a range of historical and contemporary issues surrounding the measurement of drug use and the popular and scientific construction of the health, crime and social consequences of drug use. The subject is concerned with the relationships between various constructions of drug phenomena and the policies and practices of drug control. The subject critically addresses issues and techniques involved in demand-reduction (education and treatment) and supply-reduction (law enforcement). At the completion of the subject, students should be able to recognise and explain contemporary discourses on health, harm, crime and public policy related to drug use.

Assessment: An essay of 4000 words for 3rd year students 100% (due at the end of semester). An essay of 5000 words for 4th year students 100% (due at the end of semester).

191-436 What Works in Criminal Justice

Note: This is a methods subject.

Strict enrolment deadlines apply to subjects taught during the Summer Semester. Any enrolment in, or withdrawal from, this subject must be made in line with HECS/course fee census dates.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr S Ross

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects (one of which must be 191-004 Introduction to Research Methods (p.2)) or approval of the subject coordinator for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: This subject will be taught as an intensive program on 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23 February (*Summer semester*).

Description: How effective are criminal justice interventions in changing individual behaviour, reducing opportunities for crime, and increasing public safety? How can you tell whether any particular program works? This subject examines the research evidence about the effectiveness and impacts of selected policies, and methodologies of criminal justice program evaluation. Case studies may include home detention, juvenile diversion and conferencing, sex offender treatment, release support programs, the regulation of illicit drugs, and victims' services. In addition, the subject will examine professional and political issues about the role and application of evaluations in criminal justice. As part of the program students will undertake group work to design an evaluation study.

Assessment: Written work of 3000 words 80% (due mid May) on a topic set by the coordinator or the student's selected topic in consultation with the coordinator and a class group presentation 20% (due mid semester) on a topic set by the coordinator. Fourth year students will complete additional written work of 1000 words 80% (due mid May).

191-438 Criminal Fictions

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr Danielle Tyson

Prerequisites: 37.5 points of second/third year criminology subjects for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology. However, the subject is available to cultural studies students who have not done 37.5 point of criminology subjects.

Contact: A 1.5-hour lecture and a 1-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: Crime stories fascinate everyone. This subject studies a wide range and type of crime stories, including those in newspapers, legal cases, detective stories, and literature. The subject involves theories and methods for analyzing stories told about crime by victims, offenders, criminal justice agents, criminologists, and general members of the public. The aim is to examine narrative structures and genres in stories about crime; to read narratives about crime in their social, historical and cultural contexts; to study the legitimization of particular voices and stories. Examples to be studied include detective fiction; crime fiction; news media accounts of crime; survivor testimony; eyewitness testimony; policy reports; criminological studies. Students who complete the subject should be able to analyse critically the construction of crime narratives, and their purpose, audience, and genre.

Assessment: Written work of 4000 words on a topic set by the coordinator or on the student's selected topic in consultation with the coordinator 100% (due at the end of semester). For students at 4th year and above the essay will be of 5000 words.

A 1500 word critical analysis of one of the theory and method topics covered on the course, together with relevant reading, 30% (due early in the semester), and;

For 3rd year (including Certificate and Graduate Diploma students) a 2500 word critical analysis of a relevant case study or example on a topic set by the coordinator, or by the student in consultation with the coordinator, 70% (due at the end of semester).

For 4th year and above (Honours, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters level), the length of the second piece of writing will be 3500 words.

Fourth-year subjects

191-519 Criminology Thesis

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 37.5

Coordinator: Dr J Evans

Prerequisites: Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: Formal contact hours are to be negotiated with students' individual supervisors. It is expected that students will meet with their supervisors at least fortnightly over two consecutive semesters of enrolment (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

Description: Students undertaking the criminology honours thesis should demonstrate a clear understanding of a specific field of study at an advanced level. They should demonstrate clear thinking and an ability to integrate theory and method in a logical manner. The student must be able to work in a concentrated way over an extended period of two semesters and must present their research in a scholarly fashion.

Assessment: A thesis of 12,000 words 100% (due at the end of the second semester of enrolment).

191-530 Criminology Thesis Seminar

Note: Strict enrolment deadlines apply to subjects taught during the Summer Semester. Any enrolment in, or withdrawal from, this subject must be made in line with HECS/course fee census dates.

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr J Evans

Prerequisites: Admission to the fourth year honours, masters or postgraduate diploma in criminology.

Contact: Three days of intensive delivery on 17, 20 and 24 February and six fortnightly 2-hour seminars during Semester One (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject is designed to develop research skills for students planning and writing criminological theses. The subject explores contemporary criminological research strategies, differing methodological approaches to criminological research, the relationship between theory and research in criminology, and practical issues concerned with designing appropriate thesis topics and their realisation through research. The subject is taught through a combination of lectures, workshops and seminars.

Assessment: Two essays of 2500 words 50% each (due early in the semester and near the end of semester respectively).

191-424 Supervised Field Study

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 25

Coordinator: Dr J Evans

Prerequisites: Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: The equivalent of six hours per week to a maximum of 150 hours with the agency. It is anticipated that a further 20 hours will be required to set up the placement with the agency prior to the commencement of the placement. Up to seven hourly seminars will be run throughout the year (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

Description: This subject is designed to provide students with hands-on experience in the context of a criminal justice agency. The placement is designed as a 'mock' consultancy, not as work experience. The purpose of the subject is to expose students to the operation of various government and community-based agencies and to provide them with an opportunity to enhance their skills of observation, cooperation with others, listening, analysis, report writing and developing appropriate professional contacts in the course of the research.

Assessment: An essay of 3000 words 25% (due at the end of the first semester of enrolment) and an agency report of 5000 words 70% (due at the end of the second semester of enrolment). Practical work may be substituted for part of the written work. A 20-minute oral presentation will constitute 5% of the assessment (due during the second semester of enrolment).

Fourth-year/postgraduate subjects

191-502 Crime and Justice in South East Asia

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Ms P Kelly

Prerequisites: Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology or socio-legal studies.

Contact: A 2-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject investigates current issues of justice and crime in South-East Asia. Through reading and evaluating professional research and public information from the media, students will examine the cultural, historical and religious roots of the complex issues of justice, crime and development. In the light of these issues, it explores the relationship between the nation states of South-East Asia and Australia. The subject leads the students to investigate in depth one or more issues of crime and justice in one or a group of countries of South-East Asia. Overriding themes are culture and reli-

gion, ethics, poverty, political and legal systems and law enforcement, gender, globalisation, human rights and international conventions. Specific topics presented include human mobility (migration - resident and guest labour, smuggling and trafficking in humans), corruption, conflict, terrorism, illicit drug trade, compliance with international conventions, health, education, counterfeit production and distribution, and development aid including the category of "institutional strengthening". The lectures/seminars involve analysis of the context of the issues and the regional and local discourse, legal responses and their theoretical and conceptual foundations.

Assessment: A 5000 word essay 100% (due at the end of semester).

191-520 Compliance, Regulation & Crime

Note: Strict enrolment deadlines apply to subjects taught during the Winter Recess. Any enrolment in, or withdrawal from, this subject must be made in line with HECS/course fee census dates.

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof F Haines

Prerequisites: Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology or socio-legal studies.

Contact: This subject will be taught as an intensive program on 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 June (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject analyses the regulation of individual and organizational conduct. It explores the nature of the harm or problem to be controlled by regulation, the potential of the criminal law in the control of individual and organizational misconduct and the array of regulatory techniques utilised by a range of state and multi-state agencies in their pursuit of compliance. The subject is multidisciplinary and draws on criminology, sociology, law and politics to explain how regulation develops as a solution to social problems and to examine the potential effectiveness of the regimes developed. Students completing the subject should have the capacity to critically analyse regulation by the state and assess both the potential and the limitations of regulatory solutions to ameliorate social ills.

Assessment: An essay of 1500 words 25% (due in week 2) and an essay of 3500 words 75% (due mid-semester).

191-531 Penal Policy and Practice

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: Admission to fourth year honours or postgraduate studies in criminology. Completion of 191-007 Correctional Theory and Practice (*p.3*) or equivalent or relevant practical experience.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: The subject will examine the history and philosophy of imprisonment and contemporary debates in penal policy and practice. Through a combination of theoretical and practical case studies students will be introduced to and will examine four topical areas: the prison in history; penal doctrines; offender management; and the prison in contemporary society. The subject engages with arguments and debates over the nature and purposes of imprisonment, raises questions about the continuity of penal practices through time, examines current thinking - including the notion of 'best practice' benchmarks - about prison administration and offender management, and places contemporary developments in the penal sphere within a wider framework of transformations in modes of social control. By the end of the subject students should have a greater appreciation of how contemporary policy and practice reflects both new and recurrent themes in social and bureaucratic responses to the criminal offender.

191-534 Contemporary Issues in Criminology

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: to be advised

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject involves a detailed examination of contemporary criminological issues emerging in Australia and overseas. The subject involves analysis of relevant public discourse, the research and scholarly literature, and appropriate theoretical and conceptual foundations. Case studies used in this subject will carry from year to year. The Criminology Department will produce full content descriptions prior to the enrolment period. Students completing this course should understand thoroughly the nature and implications of one or a number of contemporary issues in criminology that are chosen for the subject; demonstrate an advanced knowledge of the relevant public discourses, research literature and theoretical foundations of the issues under study; and be able to recognise and explain the importance and implications of the issues under study in terms of wider criminological and criminal justice discourse.

Assessment: An essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available, and/or materials will be supplied by the department.

191-535 Current Research in Criminology

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: Entry to postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject involves a detailed examination of very recent criminological research conducted in Australia and overseas. The subject involves analysis of relevant methodological, theoretical and public discourse aspects of the research under study. Case studies used in this subject vary from year to year. The Criminology Department will produce full subject content areas prior to the enrolment period. Upon completion of this subject, students should understand thoroughly the scope of the research issues chosen for the study; demonstrate an advanced knowledge of the research literature in the issues under study; be able to recognise and explain the importance and implications of the issues under study in terms of wider criminological and criminal justice discourse; reflect an understanding of relevant research design, implementation and dissemination.

191-538 Law, Race and Indigenous Peoples

Availability: 4th year and postgraduate

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr J Evans

Prerequisites: Entry to postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in criminology.

Contact: A 2-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject examines the historical underpinnings of the contemporary over-representation of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice systems of settler states (including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America, and South Africa). It introduces students to the history of Law's relation to Indigenous peoples and its responsiveness to colonialism from the fifteenth century. In particular, the subject explores connections between European notions of sovereignty, the idea of race and the historical experiences of Indigenous peoples, including the legal and criminological frameworks of dispossession and nation-building. This subject enables students to develop a critical appreciation of the historical, social, cultural, ethical and economic contexts of Law's relation to Indigenous peoples and to bring this knowledge to bear on current concerns, particularly in the Australian context.

Assessment: An essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).

